

UNCLASSIFIED

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF WAR  
STRATEGIC SERVICES UNIT  
Washington, D. C.

INT 659/1

177

2 October 1946

GENERAL ORDERS)  
NO. 15)

1. In compliance with the Joint Chiefs of Staff memorandum of 26 July 1946 and the approval thereof on behalf of the Secretary of War dated 24 September 1946, the History Project is hereby established as a part of the Director's Office.

2. The History Project is to compile an Official Report of the operations of the Office of Strategic Services from the time of its establishment as the Coordinator of Information in 1941 until its liquidation in 1945. Following the recommendations of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and in view of security considerations, the work will be accomplished under the supervision of Joint Security Control. The Report, which is to be completed by approximately 7 April 1947, will remain in an appropriately classified category, and its distribution will be controlled by the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

3. Under the direction of the Chief of the History Project, liaison on matters pertaining to the collection and verification of information on OSS activities will be maintained with former members of OSS. Government officials with records or files on OSS in their custody are authorized for the purposes of the History Project, to give free access to all related material. Furthermore, the Chief of the History Project will maintain such liaison with other agencies or with the historical units of other departments of the Government as necessary in completing documentation on operations in which OSS played a part.

4. All questions concerning release, classification or use of information or material will be referred to the Director of SSU. Subsequent to 19 October 1946, such matters will be referred to Director of Central Intelligence.

*William W. Quinn*  
WILLIAM W. QUINN  
Colonel, Infantry  
Director

Dist: "C"

457-5-651  
Tel #83-00036  
Box 4, Folder 9

89830

UNCLASSIFIED